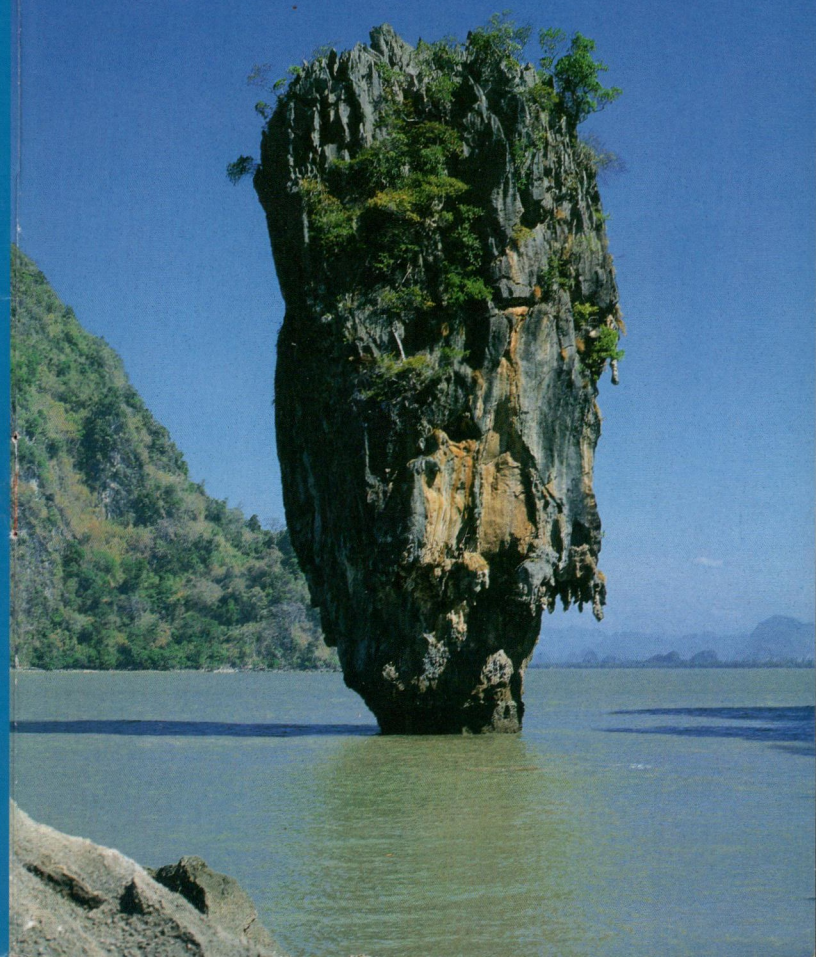
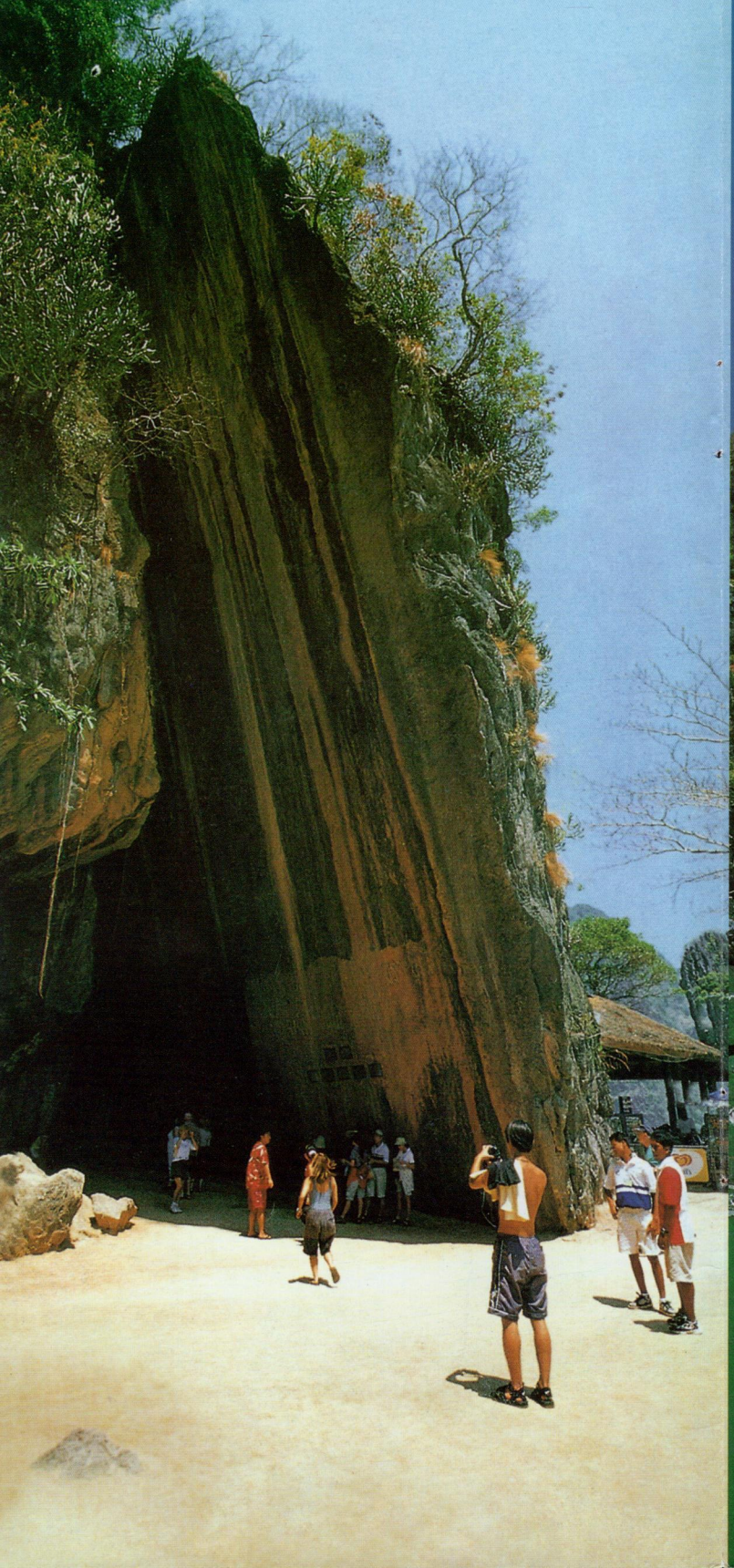


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Thai Term Glossary

<i>Amphoe</i> : District	<i>Mueang</i> : Town or city
<i>Ao</i> : Bay	<i>Mu Ko</i> : Group of Islands
<i>Ban</i> : Village	<i>Namtok</i> : Waterfall
<i>Hat</i> : beach	<i>Phu</i> : Mountain
<i>Khao</i> : Mountain	<i>Tham</i> : Cave
<i>Khlone</i> : Canal	<i>Ubosot or Bot</i> : Ordination
<i>Ko</i> : Island	in a temple
<i>Laem</i> : Cape	<i>Viharn</i> : Image hall in a temple
<i>Mae Nam</i> : River	<i>Wat</i> : Temple

Note: English spelling here given tries to approximate Thai pronunciation. Posted signs may be spelled differently. When seeking help from a Thai for directions, point to the Thai spellings given after each place name.

Cover : *Ko Similan*

P H A N G - N G A

Phang-nga, a seaside province by the Andaman Sea with scenic views of forests and islands. The province offers superb natural beauty both onshore and underwater.

The province of Phang-nga is located 788 kilometres from Bangkok. It covers an area of 4,170 square kilometres. It is administratively divided into 8 Amphoe (districts): Mueang, Khura Buri, Thap Put, Kapong, Takua Thung, Takua Pa, Thai Mueang, and Ko Yao.

HOW TO GET THERE

There are many ways to reach Phang-nga as follows:

Car

1) First route: From Bangkok, take Highway No. 4, passing the provinces of Prachuap Khiri Khan, Chumphon, and Ranong, then drive straight to Phang-nga town. It is 788 kilometres from Bangkok. The trip takes around 12 hours.

2) Second route: From Bangkok, take Highway No.4 to Chumphon, from there, take Highway No. 41 to Amphoe Tha Chang, then go straight to an intersection where a right turn is made to Highway No. 401, keep driving to Amphoe Ban Ta Khun for about 50 kilometres, and then take Highway No. 415 for 30 kilometres, take a right turn to Phang-nga town. Visitors travelling from Phuket should use Highway No. 402, passing Sarasin Bridge to Ban Khok Kloi, take a right turn to Amphoe Takua Thung. It is 87 kilometres from Phuket. The journey takes around 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Bus

There are daily bus services from Bangkok to Phang-nga. Air-conditioned buses, varying in 3 types, depart from Bangkok's Southern Bus Terminal at the following times:

VIP Bus - 6.30 p.m.

Standard 1 Bus - 7.30 p.m.

Standard 2 Bus - 6.30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Travelling time is 12 hours. For more information call the Southern Bus Terminal at tel. 0 2435 1199-200 or the Phang-nga Bus Terminal at tel: 0 7641 2300, 0 7641 2014.

Rail

There is no direct train to Phang-nga. The State Railways of Thailand operates daily train services between Bangkok and Surat Thani. A trip to Phang-nga can be made by getting off at the Surat Thani Railway Station and then take on a bus for another two hours. For more information call Bangkok's Hualamphong Railway Station at tel. 1690, 0 2223 7010, 0 2223 7020 or visit www.srt.or.th.

Air

Thai Airways International operates Bangkok-Phuket flights daily. From Phuket, take a bus or rent a car to Phang-nga for about 58 kilometres. For more information, call Thai Airways at tel: 1566 or 0 2280 0060, 0 2628 2000 or visit www.thaiair.com.

Distances from Amphoe Mueang to Other Districts

Takua Thung	12	kilometres
Thap Put	26	kilometres
Kapong	47	kilometres
Thai Mueang	57	kilometres
Takua Pa	65	kilometres
Khura Buri	125	kilometres
Ko Yao	138	kilometres

ATTRACTIONS

Amphoe Mueang

Phang-nga town is a quiet little town with none of Phuket's hubbub but a great deal of its own charm.

Khao Chang (เขาช้าง) is a huge mountain resembling a crouched elephant situated behind Phang-nga's former city hall. It is considered a symbol of Phang-nga. Inside the mountain, there is a dark and long cave called *Tham Phung Chang* which is full of stalactites and stalagmites.

Somdet Phra Srinagarindra Park (สวนสมเด็จพระศรีนครินทร์) is

opposite the former city hall. This is a beautiful public park surround by limestone mountains. There are two adjoining caves called *Tham Ruesi Sawan and Tham Luk Suea* (ถ้ำฤๅษีสวรรค์และถ้ำลูกเสือ), in which a stream and formations of stalactites and stalagmites are found.

Sa Nang Manora Forest Park (วนอุทยานสระนางมโนห์รา) is located in Tambon Nop Pring, and approachable by driving on Phang-nga - Krabi (Highway No. 4) route for 4 kilometres, then take a right turn for another 4 kilometres. The park contains shady cascades and small basins as well as a 2-kilometre nature trail.

Phang-nga Wildlife Nursery Station (สถานีเพาะเลี้ยงสัตว์ป่าจังหวัดพังงา) is situated alongside Phetkasem Road, Tambon Tak Daet. From Phuket, the station is located on the route to Phang-nga Bay. It nurses rare and nearly extinct wildlife, particularly birds, including mynahs, parrots, hawks, pheasants, and peacocks. The station also houses some interesting animals such as mountain goats, monkeys, bears, and ducks. It is open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 0 7641 3261.

Ton Pariwat Wildlife Conservation Area (เขตรักษาพันธุ์สัตว์ป่าตื้นไพรวรรต) is situated in Tambon Song Phraek, on a route between Phang-nga town and Kapong district. To get there, visitors travel 5 kilometres from Phang-nga town along Highway No.4, then take a right turn at Ban Song Phraek for 10 kilometres. There, one finds shady plants, streams and a waterfall.

Phang-nga Bay or Ao Phang-nga National Park (อุทยานแห่งชาติอ่าวพังงา) covers a vast area both onshore and offshore of about 250,000 rais (100,000 acres), covering the areas of Amphoe Mueang, Amphoe Takua Thung, and Amphoe Ko Yao. It was declared a national park on 29th April B.E. 2524 (1981). Ao Phang-nga National Park is the second seacoast national park after Tarutao National Park. It has striking scenic views because of a mass of limestone formations scattered around in the sea near the shore. Also, as a result of natural changes; caves and rock formations have been formed. The park is also fertile with mangroves. Best time to visit is between December and

April. The most popular way to visit is a boat ride to various islands, which include:

Ko Panyi (เกาะปันหยี) a small island made from limestone hills and plains. This is an interesting Muslim community. There are about 200 households of fishermen. On the island, there are many restaurants and souvenir shops.

Ko Phanak (เกาะพนัศ) is a beautiful island with caves that house stalactite and stalagmite formations as well as small cascade, which flows onto several tiers.

Khao Phing Kan (เขาพังก้น) Named so because nature split it into two halves. The smaller rock slid down, with its foundation stuck under the ground and the upper part still leaning against the other. Behind the mountain is superb scenery. Looking into the sea one finds "Khao Tapu", a nail-shaped island, a solitary pillar in the sea. It is the most remarkable attraction of Ao Phang-nga National Park.

Khao Machu (เขาหมาจู), a striking appearance rock formation is located on the way to Ko Panyi. It resembles a dog; with head, body and a bushy tail.

Khao Khian (เขาเขียน), is on the way to Panyi Island. On the cliff which stands above the sea, there are pre-historic paintings featuring various kinds of animals. A study by the Department of Fine Arts has indicated that these paintings are over 3,000 years old. They are assumed to have been painted by seamen who use this place to escape from the monsoon.

Tham Lot (ถ้ำลอด) is a lofty limestone cave, where boats can pass through. In the hollow, there are numerous stalactite formations on its ceiling, beyond the hollow is a beautiful sight of a mangrove forest.

Ko Hong (เกาะห้อง), with big and small mountains. Sailing to this island gives you a feeling of being surrounded in a large hall with two doors. It gives you an immense feeling of the power of nature's creation.

How to Get There

Ao Phang-nga National Park is situated 12 kilometres from Phang-nga town. Travel 8 kilometres from the town via Highway No. 4, then turn left into Highway No. 4114 and continue for 4

kilometres to the Ao Phang-nga National Park's headquarters where visitors can obtain tourist information. The trip can also be made by riding a local bus from Phang-nga town. Several tour operators in Phang-nga and Phuket organise day trips to Phang-nga Bay.

Chartered boats around Phang-nga Bay are available at the following piers:

- *Customs Pier or Tha Dan*, located at nearby Phang-nga Bay Resort. There are various sizes of boats to charter. Prices range from 600 to 3,500 baht per boat.

- *Ao Phang-nga National Park's pier*, speedboats and long-tail boats are available.

- *Surakun or Kasom Pier*, located in Amphoe Takua Thung.

A trip to Ao Phang-nga National Park takes around three hours, with a half-day tour available. The Phang-nga Bay Resort near the Tha Dan pier offers comfortable accommodation. There are bungalows and tents available at the National Park. For more information contact Ao Phang-nga National Park at 80 Mu 1, Tambon Ko Panyi, Amphoe Mueang, Phang-nga 82000 or tel. 0 7641 1136, 0 7641 2188.

Amphoe Khura Buri

Mu Ko Similan National Park (อุทยานแห่งชาติหมู่เกาะสิมิลัน) "Similan" is a Yawi or Malay word, which means nine or a group of nine islands. It is located in Tambon Ko Phra Thong, Amphoe Khura Buri, occupying an area of 32,000 acres. It was declared a national park on 1st September 1982. Similan is a small group of islands comprising nine islands stretching from north to south, respectively, namely: Ko Bon, Ko Bayu, Ko Similan, Ko Payu, Ko Miang (two adjoining islands), Ko Payan, Ko Payang, and Ko Huyong. The National Park's office is located on Ko Miang. Similan is highly praised for its beautiful scenery, both onshore and underwater. It is situated 70 kilometres from Phang-nga town. Best time to visit is between November and April.

Interesting attractions in the National Park include:

Ko Similan or Ko Paet (เกาะสิมิลันหรือเกาะแปด) is the largest island in this group of islands. It has a distinctive horseshoe-

shaped bay. The average depth of the water is 60 feet. Underwater is full of rock formations and coral reefs in several shapes and forms such as deer, leaf, brain, and mushroom. The latter one is the most unspoiled coral found in the country. Its soft sandy beach is very beautiful and diving around here will let you see a lot of fishes and coral. To the north, lies a striking large rock formation with astonishing shapes such as boot and Donald Duck's head. The upper part of the beach is an ideal lookout point with a rock of a sailing boat shape.

Ko Ba-ngu (เกาะบางู) is the ninth island of the Similan group of islands. It has a strange feature. Looking from one point, the shape of a skull can be seen. Underwater is as beautiful as a valley full of coral reefs, deep gorge, and various sizes of fish.

Ko Huyong (เกาะหุยง), the island offers the whitest and longest beach of all the nine islands. During turtle's egg laying season, from November to February, there would be tracks on the beach from turtles that come onshore to lay eggs, resembling centipede tracks.

Ko Miang (เกาะเมี่ยง) is the second largest island among 9 islands after Similan Island. It is where the office of the National Park is located. The island offers a scenic beach which is suitable for camping.

Diving Spots

There are several diving spots that suit both snorkelling and scuba diving. The famous scuba diving spots including rock formations that lie to the west of Ko Tachai where whale sharks can be seen, Ko Bon, Christmas Point rock formation, Fantasy rock formation, and Ao Kwang En (to the east of Ko Paet), etc. Snorkelling spots are scattered around these nine islands. The interesting points are by the sailing boat rock, Ao Kwang En, and behind Miang Island.

How to Get There

Thap Lamu Pier, located 70 kilometres north of Phang-nga at Amphoe Thai Mueang, is the nearest point to Similan. A boat trip takes around 3 hours. There is no regular boat service for travellers to the island. Boats leaving from Thap Lamu are suitable for group tours and the boat rentals range from 8,000-

10,000 baht, depending on various factors. It is sometimes possible for individuals to hitch a ride or pay a reasonable fraction of the rental cost on a boat chartered by a group. This method is by no means certain and should be an option only for the adventurous who have time to spare. Visitors may contact the park office at Thap Lamu (Tel: 0 7659 5045) for further information.

A boat trip from *Patong Beach*, Phuket takes around four hours. Visitors can contact *Seatran Travel* Tel: 0 7621 9391-2. Diving companies in Phuket also organise a three-day trip. Prices range from 9,000 to 25,000 baht, depending on the level of luxury, and include food, and accommodations.

Accommodation

There are bungalows and tents as well as restaurants available on the island. For more information contact Mu Ko Similan National Park, Mu 1, Thap Lamu, Tambon Lam Kaen, Amphoe Thai Mueang, Phang-nga 82120. Tel. 0 7642 1365 or 0 7659 5045.

Mu Ko Surin National Park (อุทยานแห่งชาติหมู่เกาะสุรินทร์), located in Tambon Ko Phra Thong and covering an area of 84,375 rais (33,750 acres). This is an archipelago of 5 islands: Ko Surin Nuea, Ko Surin Tai, Ko Ri, Ko Khai, and Ko Klang. It was declared a national park on July 9, 1981. The archipelago is located in the Andaman Sea, near the Thai-Burmese sea border, to the west coast of Thailand. There are beautiful and unspoilt coral reefs; the area is suitable for snorkelling. The best time to visit is from November to April.

Ko Surin Nuea (เกาะสุรินทร์เหนือ) has several bays. The most well-known bay is *Ao Mae Yai* (อ่าวแม่ยาย), the largest bay that offers calm waters. To the southeast of Ko Surin Nuea lies Ao Luek, which is so deep that the sea appears dark green, offering splendid shallow corals as well as sea weeds, sea flowers, coral lines, and various species of fish. *Sea Gypsy Village* (หมู่บ้านชาวเล), a Singha, or Morgan, Sea Gypsy tribe resides on the shore of Hat Sai En, Ko Surin Nuea. There are 130-150 sea gypsies who still hold on to their traditional ways of life and still live in their boats. On shore, there is a wooden sculpture resembling the Indian Totem Pole and is considered a

sacred area. Every year, on the 15th day of the waxing moon in April, the sea gypsies in this village would worship their respected spirits. The event lasts for 3 days. *Ao Mai Ngam* (อ่าวไม้งาม), situated to the west of Ko Surin Nuea with the National Park's office nearby. There is a 2-kilometre walking path that you can take to enjoy the natural features of Hat Mai Ngam or you can take a longboat ride. The lovely bay provides fresh water and a long beach that is best for snorkelling and swimming. *Ao Chak* (อ่าวจาก), situated to the north of Ko Surin Nuea. The bay possesses unspoilt coral reefs.

Interesting attractions on *Ko Surin Tai* (เกาะสุรินทร์ใต้) include *Ao Tao* (อ่าวเต่า), situated to the east of the island. The bay is home to numerous sea turtles and magnificent coral reefs. *Ao Phakkat* (อ่าวผักกาด), situated to the south of Ko Surin Tai. It is where unspoilt coral reefs can be seen.

Ko Klang or *Ko Pachumba* (เกาะกลางหรือเกาะปาชุมบา) has a scenic bay called *Ao Mangkon* (อ่าวมังกร). The bay is teeming with splendid coral reefs and many schools of various kinds of fish.

Ko Khai or *Ko Torilla* (เกาะไข่ หรือ เกาะตอริลลา), situated to the south of Ko Surin Tai. On the eastern side of the island there is a long stretch of unspoilt and picturesque coral reef. Snorkelling is the most recommended activity here.

How to Get There

Travelling to Mu Ko Surin can be initiated from several different points:

- *Khura Buri Pier* is the nearest point to Mu Ko Surin. Khura Buri is some 125 kilometres north of Phang-nga. A boat trip takes around 4 hours. There is no regular boat service for travellers to Ko Surin. Boats leaving from Khura Buri are suitable for group tours.

- *Amphoe Kapoe Pier* is in Ranong Province. The trip takes 7 hours. Visitors may contact *Chansom Tara Hotel* (tel: 0 7783 5317-9) which has boats leaving Chan Damri Beach for trips to Mu Ko Surin.

Note: The best way for individual travellers is to join a trip out of Phuket that includes Mu Ko Surin on the itinerary. This typically lasts at least 3 days and includes visits to Mu Ko

Similan.

Accommodation

There are lodges, bungalows, tents, and restaurants available. Admission fee is 200 baht. Scuba diving equipments are available for rent. For more information, contact Mu Ko Surin National Park, Amphoe Khura Buri, Phang-nga, 82150. Tel: 0 7649 1378, 0 7641 9028.

Si Phang-nga National Park (อุทยานแห่งชาติศรีพังงา), covering the areas of Amphoe Khura Buri and Amphoe Takua Pa and situated 100 kilometres from Phang-nga town. The park was established in honour of His Majesty the King on his 60th birthday anniversary. This forested piece of land is home to a large variety of flora and fauna. Getting to the park, visitors can take Highway No.4 (Takua Pa - Ranong) and then take a right turn at Km. 756 for another 5 kilometres. Interesting attractions in the park include:

Namtok Tam Nang (น้ำตกตำหนัก), located 4.5 kilometres from the National Park's office, and another walk of 500 metres will take you to the 60 metres-high waterfall. The surrounding area is full of lush vegetation and big shady trees making it nice and cool.

Namtok Ton Toei (น้ำตกตื้นเตย) is a 45 metre-high waterfall. A journey on foot, and back, that begins from the National Park takes about 3 hours. On the way, there is a small 10 metre-high waterfall, Namtok Noi, to be seen. The path passes through groves of big dense evergreen trees and vine forests.

Namtok Ton Sai (น้ำตกตื้นไทร) Before you reach the check point into the Park, you will come upon a small path on your right and a 15 minutes walk down this path will lead you to a lovely waterfall. The 20 metre-high falls is in a dense grove of banyan tree and is worth a visit.

Admission is 200 baht. Visitors wishing to stay overnight in the park should bring their own tents. Contact the Si Phang-nga National Park at tel: 0 7641 2611.

Ko Phra Thong (เกาะพระทอง), located in Tambon Phra Thong. It is a large island northwest of Phang-nga. The island is an ideal holiday paradise containing unspoilt natural beauty as well as wonderful beaches. There is a large fresh water

reservoir on the island. You can charter a boat ride from Khura Buri pier to the island. The trip takes just over an hour. Private accommodation is available.

Amphoe Takua Pa

Hat Bang Sak (หาดบางสัก), located in Tambon Bang Muang on Phetkasem Road, on the Thai Mueang - Takua Pa section, between Km.76-77 and going down a side road for another hundred metres. The beach of Bang Sak has clean white sand and stretches along a grove of shady pines. Accommodation and restaurant are available on the beach.

Hat Khao Lak (หาดเขาหลัก), 32 kilometres from Takua Pa, is now an interesting destination for domestic and overseas tourists. It has an advantage of beautiful, long beach of Andaman Sea and green mountain of Khao Lak-Lamru National Park parallel to the coast. The accommodation of Takua Pa along Khao Lak and Bang Sak Beach are built in the original southern architecture style. With the combination of the hospitality of local people who love in nature and environment, seaside town of Khao Lak - Takuapa has its unique and charms of attracting tourists to the area.

Khao Lak-Lam Ru National Park (อุทยานแห่งชาติเขาหลัก-ลำรู่) was declared a national park in August 1991. The park occupies a vast area of 150 square kilometers and covers Amphoe Thai Mueang, Amphoe Kapong, Amphoe Takua Pa, and Amphoe Mueang.

There are many interesting attractions:

Khao Lak (เขาหลัก), the mountain is located 25 kilometres from Amphoe Takua Pa, on Route No. 4 (Thai Mueang - Takua Pa), taking a left turn between Km. 56-57. Before reaching Amphoe Thai Mueang, the mountain - Khao Lak - can be seen. On the mountain, there is the Chao Pho Khao Lak Shrine. Opposite Khao Lak lies a stony beach with rocks and boulders of all sizes strewn all over the beach.

Laem Pakarang (แหลมปะการัง), located on the Takua Pa - Khao Lak route. Driving from Takua Pa town on Phetkasem Road, the cape will be on the right, another 5 kilometres down the side road. It is a sandy beach piled with deer coral washed

up on the beach by strong waves - thus giving the beach its name. The beach is blessed with groves of pine, making it ideal for camping and relaxation.

Namtok Ton Chong Fa (น้ำตกโตนช่องฟ้า) is located on the Takua Pa - Khao Lak route like Laem Pakarang. Driving from Takua Pa town, the waterfall will be on the left, a right turn and going for another 5 kilometres. The cascade runs all year round and the surroundings are blissfully calm and cool under the trees' shade.

Amphoe Kapong

Namtok Lamru (น้ำตกลำรู) This 5-tiered waterfall is located within the area of the National Park. It is 9 kilometres from the branching road from Highway No. 4090, passing Kapong District office on the way to Lamru village, and another kilometre to Lamru waterfall.

Wat Narai Nikayaram (วัดนารายณ์กยาราม), situated at Mu 3, Tambon Le, 14 kilometres from the Kapong district office. The temple houses stone carvings of the God Narai, Phra Lak, and Sida, from the Ramayana Epic. These sculptures are related with "Takola" town (the former name of Takua Pa) and the proliferation of Indian culture into this region.

Namtok Hin Lat (น้ำตกหินลาด), located 8 kilometres to the east of Kapong District office. Three canals merge to form the origin of the crystal clear waterfall. The water from the falls gather into a stream and flows through a field of naturally beautiful arrangement of rocks and boulders.

Namtok Saeng Thong (น้ำตกแสงทอง) On the opposite side of Kapong Hospital, is the access road to the waterfall, 6 kilometres further on. It is a medium-sized waterfall, having 11 levels altogether. The falls run all year round.

Amphoe Thap Put

Namtok Tao Thong (น้ำตกเต่าทอง), located in Tambon Bo Sen, 19 kilometres from Phang-nga town or 8 kilometres before Thap Put district. This shady waterfall originates from a stream flowing from a dark cave.

Wat Rat Uppatham or *Wat Bang Rieng* (วัดราษฎร์อุปถัมภ์

หรือ วัดบางเหริยง), located in Tambon Bang Rieng, 11 kilometres from the Thap Put District office on Phetkasem Road. The temple, situated on Khao Lan hill, contains several structures including an elaborate bell-shaped pagoda called *Chedi Phutthathambanlue*. The hilltop pagoda overlooks surrounding undulating mountains and hills as well as a huge Buddha image and a Guan-yin Chinese Goddess statue.

Amphoe Thai Mueang

Khao Lampi-Hat Thai Mueang National Park (อุทยานแห่งชาติเขาลำปี-หาดท้ายเหมือง) The park occupies an area of 45,000 rais (18,000 acres). It was declared a national park on April 14, 1988. Interesting attractions in the park include:

Namtok Lampi (น้ำตกลำปี), located at Mu 6, Tambon Thai Mueang, on Phetkasem Road (Highway No.4), between Km. 32-33 and taking an unpaved access road for another 1.5 kilometres. It is a 6-tiered waterfall that runs all year round.

Namtok Ton Phrai (น้ำตกโดนไพร) You can get to this attractive waterfall by taking a 7-kilometre unpaved access road between Km. 28-29 and then continue on foot for another kilometre. It is a huge waterfall that runs all year round. Visitors are encouraged to visit the falls in the dry season, as access will be easier.

Hat Thai Mueang (หาดท้ายเหมือง), located in the Thai Mueang Sanitary area. Going into the area, take the right-hand road for about 1.5 kilometres, then drive another 5 kilometres on the beach road to the National Park office. The 13-kilometre long beach has fine white sand and runs along the Highway. The area is blessed with crystal clear water. The recommended time to visit is between November to February. Sea turtles come to lay their eggs on the shore, thus creating a tradition of walking on the beach to watch turtles lay their eggs on a moonlit night. When the eggs hatch, you can join in releasing them into the sea during the "Sea Turtle Festival" in March each year.

Ban Bo Dan Hot Springs (บ่อน้ำพุร้อนบ้านบ่อดาล), located in Tambon Na Toei, on the Andaman coast. If you are coming from Phuket, pass through Khok Kloi intersection, and keep

going straight on. At the Km. 6 you will see the entrance, then go another 3 kilometres further. The water of the natural hot springs are laden with minerals such as sodium and calcium, which are believed to relieve rheumatism, numbness, and help lessen the tension of both body and mind, as well as being beneficial to your complexion and hair. Mineral baths are available daily.

Chulabhorn Marine Park Conservatory Centre (ศูนย์อนุรักษ์อุทยานใต้ทะเลจุฬารักษ์), near Thap Lamu pier, provides knowledge on undersea natural resources to visitors and the public. The Centre is housed in a 2-story building and exhibits the value and importance of undersea natural resources and environment, the new aspects of marine eco-tourism, and the wonders of the undersea world. Call 0 7659 5169 for more information.

Amphoe Takua Thung

Wat Suwannakhuha (วัดสุวรรณคูหา), located in Mu 2, Tambon Krasom. Take Highway No. 4, (Phang-nga - Ban Khok Kloi route) for 7 kilometres and upon reaching the Km. 31 at Amphoe Takua Thung, there is an asphalt road going to the right to the temple, one kilometre away. The locals call this temple "**Wat Tham**". This is an interesting temple of all in Phang-nga since it is of historical and archaeological importance. Within the boundary of the temple is a mountain with numerous caves. Tham Yai (Big Cave) is located at the lowest level and inside the total length of the cave walls is decorated ceramic tiles, bowls as well as terra cotta ware and Benjarong ware. It is also used as a temple and houses various manners of Buddha images, one of which is a splendid reclining Buddha image. You can also see many Royal Monograms inscriptions on the walls of the cave.

Namtok Raman (น้ำตกรามัญ), located near Wat Suwannakhuha, take a right turn at Km. 31 and keep going for another 7 kilometres. The medium size cascade is set amidst a grove of big trees and the falls run all year round.

Tha Nun Beach (ชายหาดถ่านุ่น) From Highway No. 4, proceed towards Phuket using the Highway No. 402. Before you reach Phuket island, you will arrive at the Pak Phra straits,

on both sides, you will see the beach. Every year, sea turtles would come to lay their eggs at this beach:

Amphoe Ko Yao

Ko Yao (เกาะยาว) covers an area of 137 square kilometres. The majority of the population are Muslim. The island is made up of 2 large islands: Ko Yao Noi and Ko Yao Yai.

Attractions on Ko Yao Noi include:

Hat Pa Sai (หาดป่าทราย), situated 7 kilometres from the District Office on Ko Yao Noi. This white sandy beach is covered with shady trees. From Hat Pa Sai, a scenic view of the islands of Krabi province can be seen in the distance.

Hat Tha Kao (หาดท่าเขา), situated 5 kilometres from the District Office on Ko Yao Noi. The beach features boulders, rocks, and pebbles of various shapes, size, and coloration. During the low tide, you can walk to another small island nearby.

Attractions on Ko Yao Yai include:

Ao Ti Kut (อ่าวดีกุด), located at Ko Yao Yai. This bay has a white sandy beach. To the north of the bay, there is a beautiful rocky cape with a beach lined with pine trees.

Ao Klong Son (อ่าวคลองสน) Offering a beach of fine, white sand and shady pine trees. On the left end of the beach is a colourful rock formation with equally beautiful multi-coloured pebbles. Swimming and snorkelling to see beautiful coral is recommended.

Ao Hin Kong (อ่าวหินกอง), situated on Ko Yao Yai. It is a shady beach lined with *Cotyletobium* trees. This bay is home to young rays, which makes it unsuitable for swimming. Ao Hin Kong is also a habitat of Muslims who earn their living from fishing.

Ao Lan (อ่าวลาน), the bay offers a beautiful beach, ideal for swimming. To the north, there is a cape which has a steep cliff and at the base of the cliff, the water is quite deep. Boat riding is the most convenient mode of transport to get there.

Ao Sai (อ่าวทราย) is blessed with powdery white sand. The bay also has beautiful rock formations. Swimming can be enjoyed.

Hat Lo Pa Raet (หาดโล่ปานเรต) features a long stretch of a white sandy beach teeming with groves of coconut trees. To

the north of the bay is a cape with a beautiful rock formation and the water around the cape is suitable for swimming.

Laem Nok Ok (แหลมนกออก), located on Ko Yao Yai. The beach here has rock formations and pebbles of many colours. Swimming is recommended.

How to Get There

Travelling to Ko Yao can be made from Phuket, Phangnga, and Krabi, but the most convenient route of all is from Phuket.

To get to Ko Yao Noi, visitors can take a ferry departing from Phuket's Bang Rong Pier at 11 a.m., 12 noon, 1 p.m., 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. On return, the ferry departs from Ko Yao Noi at 7 a.m. and 7.30 a.m. One-way fare is 40 baht. The trip takes 45 minutes. A chartered long-tail boat costs 1,000 baht per trip.

Travelling to Ko Yao Yai, visitors need to ride a ferry from Phuket's Thian Sin Pier. The ferry leaves the pier at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. On return, the ferry departs from Ko Yao Yai's Lo Chak pier at 12 noon. The trip takes an hour. One-way fare is 50 baht.

There are also long-tail boat shuttle services between Ko Yao Noi and Ko Yao Yai. The trip takes 10 minutes.

INTERESTING ACTIVITIES

Elephant Cave Tour (บริการนำเที่ยวถ้ำพุงช้าง) is organised by *Tong Tae Sea Canoe* (tel: 0 7626 4320). Elephant Cave (or Tham Phung Chang) is a beautiful cave with numerous stalactites and stalagmites. Exploring through the dark cave have to be done both on foot and by boat since some parts of the cave are always flooded.

Ton Pariwat Rafting Trip (ล่องแก่งโดนปรีวรรต) is organised by *Phuket Sea Land* (tel: 0 7622 2900), a tour operator in Phuket. The eco-tourism trip includes sightseeing at the Phangnga Wildlife Nursery Station, elephant riding and rafting in the Ton Pariwat Wildlife Conservation Area.

EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Free The Turtles Fair (ประเพณีปล่อยเต่า) is annually held in March at Thai Mueang Beach. The celebration takes place for 7 days. During the festival baby turtles raised by the Fisheries Department are released into the sea at Thai Mueang Beach.

HOPPING

Artificial Flowers made from rubber and fish scales - These artificial flowers are exquisite and beautiful, a product stemming from the creativity of the farmer housewives group. At present, these flowers are souvenirs symbolic of Phang-nga province. The products are sold at Phang-nga Provincial Agricultural Office and the farmer housewives group. For more information, contact the Phang-nga Provincial Agricultural Office, Monday to Friday, 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., tel: 0 7641 2019.

Agricultural Products and Seafood - There are well known places in Phang-nga like Ko Yao and Ko Panyi that produce quality shrimp paste. Another product for which Phang-nga is famous is the "*Kung Siep*", sun-dried shrimps, which are sent to markets in neighbouring provinces.





FACILITIES IN PHANG-NGA

ACCOMMODATION

Amphoe Mueang

Lak Mueang 1 (หลักเมือง 1) 1/2 Mu 1 Tambon Thap Nam Phut, Phetkasem Road (Tel: 0 7641 1512, 0 7641 2125 Fax: 0 7641 1512), 22 rooms: 200-300 baht

Lak Mueang 2 (หลักเมือง 2) 540 Tambon Thai Chang, Phetkasem Road (Tel: 0 7641 1500, 0 7644 0495, 0 7641 1218 Fax: 0 7641 1501), 24 rooms: 450-750 baht

Mueang Thong (เมืองทอง) 128 Phetkasem Road (Tel: 0 7641 2132), 14 rooms: 150-200 baht

Phang-nga Guesthouse (พังงา เกสต์เฮ้าส์) 99/1 Tambon Thai Chang, Phetkasem Road (Tel: 0 7641 1358), 12 rooms: 220-800 baht

Phang-nga Inn (พังงา อินน์) 2/2 Soi Lohakit, Tambon Thai Chang, Phetkasem Road (Tel: 0 7641 1963 Fax: 0 7641 1963), 11 rooms: 500-1,200 baht

Phang-nga Valley Resort (พังงา วัลเลย์ รีสอร์ท) 5/5 Mu 4 Phetkasem Road (Tel: 0 7641 1393, 0 7641 2201), 11 rooms: 560-2,000 baht

Rak Phang-nga (รักษ์พังงา) 100 Phetkasem Road (Tel: 0 7641 2090), 12 rooms: 100-150 baht

Rattanapong Hotel (โรงแรมรัตนพงษ์) 111 Tambon Thai Chang, Phetkasem Road (Tel: 0 7641 1247, 0 7641 1315), 30 rooms: 150-450 baht

Riverside Bungalow (ริเวอร์ไซด์บังกะโล) 29/11 Tambon Thap Nam Phut (Tel: 0 7643 0203), 5 rooms: 250-500 baht

Sunimit Mansion Inn (สุนิมิตร แมนชั่น อินน์) 21/1 Sirirat Road (Tel: 0 7644 0440 Fax: 0 7644 0444), 37 rooms: 250-500 baht

Thawisuk Hotel (โรงแรมทิวสุข) 79 Phetkasem Road (Tel: 0 7641 2100), 15 rooms: 150-200 baht

Phang-Nga Bay

Ao Phang-nga National Park (อุทยานแห่งชาติอ่าวพังงา) 80 Mu 1 Tambon Ko Pan Yi, Amphoe Mueang (Tel: 0 7641 2188, Fax: 0 7641 1136), 8 houses: 500-1,000 baht, tent 100-300 baht

Phang-nga Bay Resort (พังงา เบย์ รีสอร์ท) 20 Mu 1 Ban Tha Dan, Tambon Ko Pan Yi (Tel: 0 7641 2067-9 Fax: 0 7641 2070), 88 rooms: 1,050-2,050 baht

Phu-Nga Hotel (โรงแรมภูงา) 45/65 Mu 3 Tambon Tak Daet, Phetkasem Road (Tel : 0 7641 3999 Fax: 0 7641 3990), 78 rooms : 650-750 baht www.phunga.com

Amphoe Ko Yao

Ko Yao Yai

Halavee Bungalow (ฮาลาเวียบังกะโล) 2/9 Mu 3 Tambon Phru Nai, Amphoe Ko Yao (Tel: 0 1607 3648, 0 1367 4651), 5 rooms: 350-800 baht

Long Island Family Resort (ลองไอส์แลนด์แฟมิลีรีสอร์ท) 65/14 Mu 3 Tambon Phru Nai (Tel: 0 1979 2273), 6 rooms: 300-500 baht

Thiw Son Bungalow (ทิวสนบังกะโล) 58/4 Mu 4 Tambon Ko Yao

Yai, Amphoe Ko Yao (Tel: 0 1737 4420, 0 1956 7582), 6 rooms: 350-500 baht

Tipasa Resort (ติปาสะ รีสอร์ท) 80 Mu 7 Tambon Phru Nai (Tel : 0 9972 2001), 9 rooms : 500 - 900 baht

Ko Yao Noi

Amina Bungalow (ามีนะบังกะโล) 21/11 Mu 1 Tambon Ko Yao Noi, Amphoe Ko Yao (Tel: 0 7659 7278, 0 7659 7446, 0 6013 9462, 0 1894 4860), 6 rooms: 250-300 baht

Ban Tha Khao Bungalow (บ้านท่าเขาบังกะโล) Hat Tha Khao 23/2 Mu 4 Tambon Ko Yao Noi (Tel: 0 7621 2172, 0 7621 2252, 0 1676 7726, 0 6282 3584 Fax: 0 7621 2172), 5 rooms: 500-1,200 baht www.seacanoe.net

Coconut Cornor (โคโคนัท คอนเนอร์) 30 Mu 5 Tambon Ko Yao Noi (Tel: 0 7659 7134), 6 rooms: 350-400 baht

Ko Yao Island Resort (เกาะยาวไอส์แลนด์ รีสอร์ท) 24/2 Mu 5 Tambon Ko Yao Noi, Hat Khlong Chak (Tel: 0 1606 1517-8), 15 rooms: 3,000-4,700 baht. www.koyao.com

Ko Yao Noi Community Eco-Tourism Club (ชมรมการท่องเที่ยวเชิงอนุรักษ์โดยชุมชนเกาะยวน้อย) 38/21 Mu 1 Tambon Ko Yao Noi, Amphoe Ko Yao (Tel: 0 7659 7244 Fax: 0 7659 7535) 450 baht per person

Lom Lae Bungalow (ลมเลบังกะโล) Mu 5 (Tel: 0 1958 0566, 0 9868 8642) 7 houses: 500-700 baht www.geocities.com/lomlaethailand

Long Beach Resort (ลองบีช รีสอร์ท) 25/35 Mu 5 Tambon Ko Pan Yi Noi, Amphoe Ko Yao (Tel: 0 1607 7912, 0 7659 7472), 30 rooms: 500-700 baht

Pa Sai Cottage (ป่าทรายคอตเทจ) 50/2 Mu 5 Tambon Ko Yao Noi, Hat Pa Sai (Tel: 0 7624 8099-100, 0 7659 7478, 0 7659 7478, 0 1956 1879 Bangkok Tel: 0 2691 4755-7), 10 rooms: 350-700 baht

Sabai Corner (สบาย คอนเนอร์) 29/2 Mu 5 Hat Pa Sai, 8 rooms: 350-700 baht

Amphoe Takua Thung

Khok Kloi

Khok Kloi Inn (โคกกลอย อินน์) 129/13 Mu 2 Tambon Khok Kloi, Na Tai Road (Tel: 0 7658 1703-4), 24 rooms: 200-400 baht

Ko Lawa Yai (เกาะละวะใหญ่) Amphoe Takua Thung (Tel: 0 7641 2188), 2 bungalows: 450 baht, tent: 150 baht

Piyalai Resort (ปิยาลัย รีสอร์ท) 37/2 Mu 5 Tambon Khok Kloi (Tel: 0 7643 4507), 7 rooms: 700-900 baht

Sherry Resort (เชอร์รี่ รีสอร์ท) 38/4 Mu 4 Tambon Khok Kloi (Tel: 0 7643 4070), 9 rooms: 350-700 baht

Amphoe Thai Muang

Mu Ban Bordan

The Hotspring Beach Resort & Spa (เดอะ ฮอท สปริง บีช รีสอร์ท แอนด์ สปา) 79 Mu 8 Tambon Na Toey, Amphoe Thai Mueang (Tel: 0 7658 0000-28 Fax: 0 7658 0029) 24 rooms: 5,900-14,900 baht www.dusithotspring.com

Thai Mueang Beach

Ban Garden (บ้านพักการ์เดนท์) 136/19 Mu 9 (Tel. 0 7657 1824), 6 houses: 250-450 baht

Beach Bungalow (บ้านพักริมทะเล) 511 Mu 9 (Tel: 0 7657 1381), 5 houses: 250 baht

Pheung Ngao Bungalow (ฟุ้งหนาวบังกะโล) 136/29 Mu 9 (Tel: 0 7643 2114), 6 houses: 200-300 baht

Sarirote Hotel (โรงแรมสาริโรจ) 18/3 Mu 5 (Tel: 0 7657 1567 Fax: 0 7657 1568), 11 rooms: 300-500 baht

Thai Mueang Resort (ท้ายเหมือง รีสอร์ท) 136/69 Mu 9 (Tel: 0 7657 1151, 0 9872 4932 Fax: 0 7657 1152), 16 rooms: 500-1,000 baht

Thai Mueang Beach Chalets (ท้ายเหมืองบีช ชาเลต์) 157/12 Mu 9 Limdul Road (Tel: 0 7657 1512-5, Fax: 0 7657 1517), 30 rooms : 800-1,300 baht

Thaplamu

Chulabhorn Marine Park Conservatory centre (ศูนย์อนุรักษ์อุทยานใต้ทะเลจุฬารักษ์) Tambon Lamkan, Amphoe Thai Mueang (Tel: 0 7659 5090, 0 7659 5169-70), 13 rooms: 600 baht

Thaplamu Andaman Resort (ทับละมุอันดามัน รีสอร์ท) 11/35 Mu 5 Tambon Lamkan (Tel: 0 1892 4646, 0 9875 6512 Fax: 0 1659 5199), 20 rooms : 500-800 baht

Similan Islands

Mu Ko Similan National Park (อุทยานแห่งชาติหมู่เกาะสมิлян) 93 Mu 5 Tambon Lamkan (Tel: 0 7659 5045 , 0 7642 1365 Fax: 0 7659 5045) , 9 houses: 600-1,600 baht , tent 400 baht

Amphoe Takua Pa**Khao Lak Beach**

Baan Khao Lak Resort (บ้านเขาหลัก รีสอร์ท) 26/16 Mu 7 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0199 Fax: 0 7642 0198), 46 rooms: 2,650-4,500 baht www.baankhaolak.com

Khao Lak Andaman Beach Resort (เขาหลัก อันดามัน บีช รีสอร์ท) Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0135-8), 30 rooms: 800-1,200 baht

Khao Lak Bay Front Resort (เขาหลัก เบย์ ฟรอนท์ รีสอร์ท) 26/12 Mu 7 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0111-6 Fax: 0 7642 0118) 58 rooms: 2,500-3,800 baht

Khao Lak Beach Bungalow (เขาหลักบีชบังกะโล) 7/4 Mu 2 Tambon Lamkan (Tel: 0 7641 3837, 0 1787 5465 Fax: 0 7641 3837), 24 rooms: 600-1,200 baht

Khao Lak Green Beach Resort (เขาหลัก กรีน บีช รีสอร์ท) Mu 7, Soi Hat Na Thong, Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0043-7, 0 1893 6187 Fax: 0 7642 0047), 40 rooms: 350-1,100 baht

Khao Lak Laguna Resort (เขาหลัก ลากูน่า รีสอร์ท) 26/8 Mu 7 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0200-2 Fax: 0 7642 0206), 115 rooms: 3,500-5,000 baht www.khaolaklaguna.net

Khao Lak-Lamru National Park (อุทยานแห่งชาติเขาหลักลำรุ่) Mu 7 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0243 Fax: 0 7642 0243), 3 houses 7 rooms: 500-1,000 baht, tents 100-300 baht www.dnp.go.th

Khao Lak Nature Resort (เขาหลัก เนเจอร์ รีสอร์ท) Mu 7, (Tel: 0 7642 0179-81 Fax: 0 7642 0182), 40 rooms: 300-1,200 baht

Khao Lak Palm Beach Resort (เขาหลัก ปาล์ม บีช รีสอร์ท) 26/14 Mu 7, Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 9200-8 Fax: 0 7642 0095), 60 rooms: 3,600-8,500 baht www.khaolakplambeach.com

Khao Lak Seagull Adaman Resort (เขาหลัก ซีกัล อันดามัน รีสอร์ท) 7/3 Mu 2 Tambon Lamkan (Tel: 0 7659 5248-9, 0 1978 3890 Fax: 0 7659 5249), 32 rooms : 2,000-3,500 baht

Khao Lak Sea View Resort (เขาหลัก ซีวิว รีสอร์ท) 26/4 Mu 7, Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0225, 0 1891 6572 Fax: 0 7642 0227), 6 rooms: 600-1,500 baht

Khao Lak Sunset Resort (เขาหลัก ซันเซ็ท รีสอร์ท) 26/7 Mu 7, Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0075-7 Fax: 0 7642 0147 BKK. Office Tel: 0 2924 4818-9 Fax: 0 2924 3957), 60 rooms: 1,500-3,290 baht www.khaolaksunset.com

Khao Lak Tropicana Beach Resort (เขาหลัก ทropicana บีช รีสอร์ท) 36 Mu 6 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0231-5, 0 1892 4988 Fax: 0 7642 0240), 82 rooms: 1,200-2,500 baht www.khaolak-tropicana.com

Khao Lak Wandee Bungalow (เขาหลัก วันดี บังกะโล) 26 Mu 7 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel : 0 7642 0427), 10 rooms: 400-600 baht

Mukdara Beach (มุกดารา บีช) 26/14 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 9200-8 Fax: 0 7642 0095), 72 rooms: 8,500-25,000 baht

Phu Khao Lak Resort (ภูเขาหลัก รีสอร์ท) 4/9 Mu 7 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel. 0 7642 0141 Fax : 0 7642 0140), 20 rooms: 300-400 baht

Poseidon Bungalow & Similan Tours (โพไซดอนบังกะโลแอนด์สิมิลัน ทัวร์) 1/6 Mu 2 Tambon Lumkan (Tel/Fax : 0 7644 3258), 12 houses: 300-700 baht

The Andaburi Resort (ดิ อันดาบุรี รีสอร์ท) 40 Mu 6 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 3255-62 Fax : 0 7642 3263-4) 48 rooms : 1,500-3,500 baht

Wangtan Resort (วังธาร รีสอร์ท) Mu 7 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0049), 7 rooms: 300-500 baht

Nang Thong Beach

Arm Bungalow&Tour (อาร์ม บังกะโล แอนด์ ทัวร์) 30/11 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel. 0 1691 7431, 0 6272 0344, 0 7642 3516 Fax : 0 7642 3516), 12 houses: 300-500 baht

Garden Beach Resort (การ์เดน บีช รีสอร์ท) 28/1 Mu 7 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0121-2 Fax: 0 7642 0129), 60 rooms: 300-500 baht

Gerd & Noi Khao Lak Bungalow (เกิร์ด แอนด์ น้อย เขาหลัก บังกะโล) 26/3 Mu 7 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0145, 0 7642 0559 Fax: 0 7642 0144), 34 rooms: 600-1,200 baht

Happy Lagoon (แฮปปี้ ลากูน) 13/3 Mu 7 Tambon Khuek Khak, 10 rooms: 150-250 baht

Khao Lak Andaman Beach Resort (เขาหลัก อันดามัน บีช รีสอร์ท) 28/4 Mu 7 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0135-8 Fax : 0 7642 0134), 38 rooms: 800-1,500 baht

Khao Lak Green Beach Resort (เขาหลัก กรีน บีช รีสอร์ท) Mu 7

Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0043-7, 0 1893 6187 Fax: 0 7642 0047), 40 rooms: 800-1,500 baht

Krathom Khao Lak Resort (กระท่อม เขาหลัก รีสอร์ท) 28/5 Mu 7 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0149-50, 0 9868 2034 Fax: 0 7642 0150), 21 rooms : 400-1,000 baht

Lahown Khao Lak Resort (หลาโอน เขาหลัก รีสอร์ท) 38 Mu 6 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0064-5 Fax: 0 7642 0066), 19 rooms: 2,300-2,600 baht

Nang Thong Bay Resort 1 (นางทอง เบย์ รีสอร์ท 1) 13/5 Mu 7, Tambon Khao Lak (Tel: 0 7642 0088-9 Fax: 0 7642 0090), 96 rooms: 800-1,500 baht

Nang Thong Bay Resort 2 (นางทอง เบย์ รีสอร์ท) 13/8 Mu 7, Tambon Khao Lak (Tel: 0 7642 0078 Fax: 0 7642 0080), 39 rooms: 600-800 baht

Tukta Bungalow (ตุ๊กตา บังกะโล) 30/7 Mu 7 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0546, 0 9473 9899), 4 rooms: 305-350 baht

Bang Niang Beach

Bang Niang Beach Resort (บางเนียง บีช รีสอร์ท) 55/40 Mu 6, Phetkasem Road, Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0171-5 Fax: 0 7642 0176) 44 rooms: 1,500-2,300 baht www.bangniangresort.com

Bang Niang Houses (บางเนียง เฮ้าส์) 60 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0507), 2 houses: 400 baht

Ban Soraya (บ้านสรยา) 55 Mu 5 Bang Niang, Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0192), 6 rooms: 600-1,300 baht

Ban Thai Resort (บ้านไทย รีสอร์ท) 56/3 Mu 5 Bang Niang (Tel: 0 7642 0531 Fax: 0 7642 0506), 14 houses: 500-1,000 baht. www.baanthais2.com

Chong Fah Beach Resort (ช่องฟ้าบีชรีสอร์ท) 54/1 Mu 5 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0056-9 Fax: 0 7642 0055), 34 rooms: 800-2,000 baht

Fair House Bungalow (แฟร์ เฮ้าส์ บังกะโล) 26 Mu 5 Bang Niang, 6 rooms: 300-400 baht

Khao Lak Tropicana Beach Resort (เขาหลัก ทropicana บีช รีสอร์ท) 36 Mu 6 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0231-40 Fax: 0 7642 0240), 82 rooms: 1,200-2,500 baht www.khaolak-tropicana.com

Mai's Quiet Zone Bungalow (ไมควายเอ็ท โซน บังกะโล) 53 Mu 5 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0196 Fax: 0 7642 0197), 30 houses: 400-600 baht

Palm Andaman Beach Resort (ปาล์ม อันดามัน บีช รีสอร์ท) 59 Mu 5 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0185-8 Fax: 0 7642 0189), 60 rooms: 1,800-2,000 baht

Paradise Bungalow (พาราไดซ์ บังกะโล) 59/1 Mu 5 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0254), 13 houses: 500-600 baht

Phatcha Resort (พัชชา รีสอร์ท) 56/2 Mu 5 Ban Bang Niang, Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0280-1), 23 rooms: 1,200-2,000 baht www.khaolakbeach.com

Sabai Bungalow (สบาย บังกะโล) 57 Mu 5 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0559), 10 houses: 300 baht

The Beach Resort (เดอะ บีช รีสอร์ท) 48 Mu 5 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0104-5 Fax: 0 7642 0107) 67 rooms : 900-2,250 baht www.thebeach-khaolak.com

Wunder Bungalow (ฮุนเดอร์ บังกะโล) 56/3 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0595 Fax: 0 7642 0596), 20 houses: 500-1,500 baht

Laem Pakarang Beach

Ao Thong Beach Bungalow (อ่าวทอง บีช บังกะโล) 28/2 Mu 2 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 1737 1165 Fax: 0 7642 0080), 3 houses: 500 baht

Blue Village Pakarang Resort (บลู วิลเลจ ปะการัง รีสอร์ท) 45 Mu 2 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7641 2591-3 , Fax: 0 7641 3436) 150 rooms: 3,200-10,000 baht www.bluevillagepakarang.com

Takolaburi Resort (ตะโกลาบุรี รีสอร์ท) 46 Mu 2 Laem Pakarang Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 1894 9396, 0 1895 8371 Fax: 0 7641 7168), 40 houses: 1,500-1,800 baht

The Royal Coco Palm (เดอะ รอยัล โคโค ปาล์ม) 21 Mu 8 Tambon Bang Muang, (Tel: 0 7659 2100-9 Fax: 0 7659 2110) 52 rooms: 5,000-13,000 baht www.info@cocopalm.co.th

Similana Resort (สิมิลานา รีสอร์ท) 4/7 Mu 1 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0166-8 Fax: 0 7642 0169, BKK. Office Tel: 0 2379 4586, 0 2379 4560, 0 2731 6844), 65 rooms: 2,400-3,700 baht www.similanaresort.com

Theptaro Lagoon Beach Resort (เทพทาร์ ลากูน บีช รีสอร์ท) 31/13 Mu 3 Tambon Khuek Khak (Tel: 0 7642 0154-5 Fax: 0 7642 0152) 70 rooms: 2,500-7,000 baht www.theptaro.com

Bang Sak Beach

Bang Sak Beach Resort (บางสัก บีช รีสอร์ท) 31 Mu 7 Phetkasem Road, (Tel: 0 7642 1973-5, 0 7644 6520 ext. 111 BKK. Office Tel: 0 2921 1066-8 Fax: 0 2530 0495), 39 rooms: 1,560-7,000 baht

Bang Sak Lagoon Resort (บางสัก ลากูน รีสอร์ท) 3 Mu 8 Tambon Bang Muang (Tel: 0 9593 2347, 0 7643 1197 Fax: 0 7643 1197), 5 houses: 500-800 baht

Bang Sak Resort (บางสักรีสอร์ท) 7/16 Mu 7 Tambon Bang Muang (Tel: 0 1970 8919) 20 rooms: 300-600 baht

Dimond Beach Resort (ไดมอนด์ บีช รีสอร์ท) 46/1 Phetkasem Road (Tel: 0 7659 3153 , 0 1979 8181), 10 rooms: 600 baht

Amphoe Takua Pa

Amarin Hotel (โรงแรมอัมรินทร์) 7/5-6 Montri 2 Road (Tel: 0 7642 1083 Fax: 0 7643 1609), 20 rooms: 150-400 baht

Extra Hotel (โรงแรมเอ็กซ์ตรา) 46 Senarat Road (Tel: 0 7642 1026, 0 7642 1412, 0 7643 1469), 75 rooms: 270-550 baht

Phadung Hotel (โรงแรมผดุง) 36-38 Montri 2 Road (Tel: 0 7642 1985), 10 rooms: 120 baht

Yan Yao Hotel (โรงแรมย่านยาว) 148 Si Mueang Road (Tel: 0 7642 1219), 15 rooms: 110-150 baht

Amphoe Khura Buri

Kuraburi

Bungalow Saeng Phet (บังกะโล แสงเพชร) 72 Mu 8 Sukhaphiban 8 Road (Tel: 0 7649 1262), 12 rooms: 200-350 baht

Extra Hotel (โรงแรมเอ็กซ์ตรา) 498 Mu 8 Soi Sukhaphiban 2 (Tel: 0 7649 1338, 0 7649 1473), 10 rooms: 200-250 baht

Khura Buri Green View Resort (คุระบุรี กรีน วิว รีสอร์ท) 129 Mu 5 Tambon Bang Wan (Tel/Fax: 0 7642 1360, 0 7641 2794, 0 7642 1360, 0 1229 6866-7), 62 rooms: 1,100-2,900 baht

Nang Nuan Hotel (โรงแรมนางนวล) 203/35 Soi Sukhaphiban 4 (Tel: 0 7649 1401), 13 rooms: 250-350 baht

Pratong Island

Golden Budda Beach Resort (สุดขอบฟ้า รีสอร์ท) Ko Phra Thong, P.O.Box 4, Khura Buri, Phang-nga (Tel: 0 1892 2208 ,0 1894 7195), 37 rooms: 1,200-4,000 baht

Krathom Morgan (กระท่อม มอเก็น) Ko Phra Thong (Tel: 0 7649 1477-8), 3 houses 25 rooms : 1,600-2,200 baht

Surin Islands

Mu Ko Surin National Park (อุทยานแห่งชาติหมู่เกาะสุรินทร์) Amphoe Khura Buri (Tel: 0 7649 1378 , 0 7649 1582 Fax: 0 7649 1538 BKK. Office Tel: 0 2561 2919-2, 0 2579 7047), 13 houses: 400-1,200 baht, tent 300 baht

Kho Khao Island

Ko Kho Khao Resort (เกาะคอเขา รีสอร์ท) 21 Mu 4 Ko Kho Khao (Tel: 0 1229 2303), 26 rooms: 550-1,100 baht

Restaurant

Amphoe Mueang

Bismillah (บิสมิลลาห์) Phetkasem Road (Muslim food)

Cha Charan (จำจรรย์) 16 Mu 1 Ko Panyi Tel: 0 7641 1490

Cha-e 1 (จีเอ 1) 56/1-3 Phetkasem Road Tel: 0 7644 2244, 0 7659 9023

Cha-e 2 (จีเอ 2) 59/20 Phetkasem Road Tel: 0 7659 9024

Che Kruat (เชกรวด) 2/13 Phetkasem Road Tel: 0 7659 9016

Hok Ki Lao (ฮอกกีเลา) Phetkasem Road

Kafae Chai Khai (กาแฟชายค่าย) Phetkasem Road, Tel: 0 7641 3255 (coffee)

Khrua Sunimit (ครัวสุนิมิตร) 373/2 Phetkasem Road, Tel: 0 7641 1422

Lom Choi (ลมไชย) 10/7 Mu 2 Tambon Tham Nam Phut Tel: 0 1895 5224

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Ratchaphruk (ราชพฤกษ์) 56 Mu 3 Phetkasem Road Tel: 0 7641 1336

Sakun Duang (สกุลดวง) 385 Phetkasem Road Tel: 0 7641 1716

Sa-te Muaeng Phang-nga (สะเต๊ะเมืองพังงา) 189 Phetkasem Road, Tambon Thai Chang

Thawinwan (ถวิลวรรณ) 4 Phetkasem Road

Amphoe Khura Buri

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Amphoe Takua Thung

Ban Piyalai (บ้านปียาลัย) 37/2 Mu 5 Phetkasem Road Tambon Khok Khloi Tel: 0 7643 4507

Duang Phon Seafood (ดวงพร ชีฟู๊ด) 41/1 Surakun Pier Phetkasem Road Tambon Kasom Tel: 0 7649 6341

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Amphoe Takua Pa

Hok Ki Lao (ฮอกกีเลา) 19 Senarat Road Tel: 0 7642 1938

Hok Ki Lao Seafood (ฮอกกีเลา ชีฟู๊ด) 6/29 Tambon Bang Nai Si Tel: 0 7642 1914

Khao Lak Sea View (เขาหลัก ซีวิว) 26/4 Mu 7 Phetkasem Road Tel: 0 1891 0672

Khrua Bang Sak (ครัวบางสัก) Bang Sak Beach (seafood)

Ngo Meng Heng (งั่วเม่งเฮง) 7/22-23 Mu 2 Near Bus Station Tel: 0 7642 2240, 0 7644 1030

Phukan (พูกัน) 8/13-14 Wongphanit Road Tel: 0 7642 2191-2

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Amphoe Thai Mueang

Ko Kop (โกกอบ) 58 Mu 7 Tambon Thai Mueang Tel: 0 7643 2107

Man Photchana (มันโภชนา) 44/27 Phetkasem Road, Tambon Lam Kaen Tel: 0 7644 3097

Phi Sao (พีสาว) 123/7 Tambon Thai Mueang Tel: 0 7657 1836

SOUVENIR SHOPS

Amphoe Mueang

Somkiat (สมเกียรติ) Tambon Kasom (sugar-palm nuts in syrup)

Amphoe Takua Pa

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Tuang Rat (ดวงรัตน์) 202 Soi Rim Thanon, Rat Bamrung Road, Tel: 0 7642 1082 (Tao So)

TRAVEL AGENTS

Amphoe Mueang

Sayan Tour (สายัณห์ ท้าว) Phetkasem Road, Tambon Thai Chang,
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Amphoe Thai Mueang

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Phra Nang Tour (พระนางท้าว) 59/5 Mu 7 Tambon Thai Mueang, Tel: 0 7643 2375, 0 1892 6701 (islands tour)

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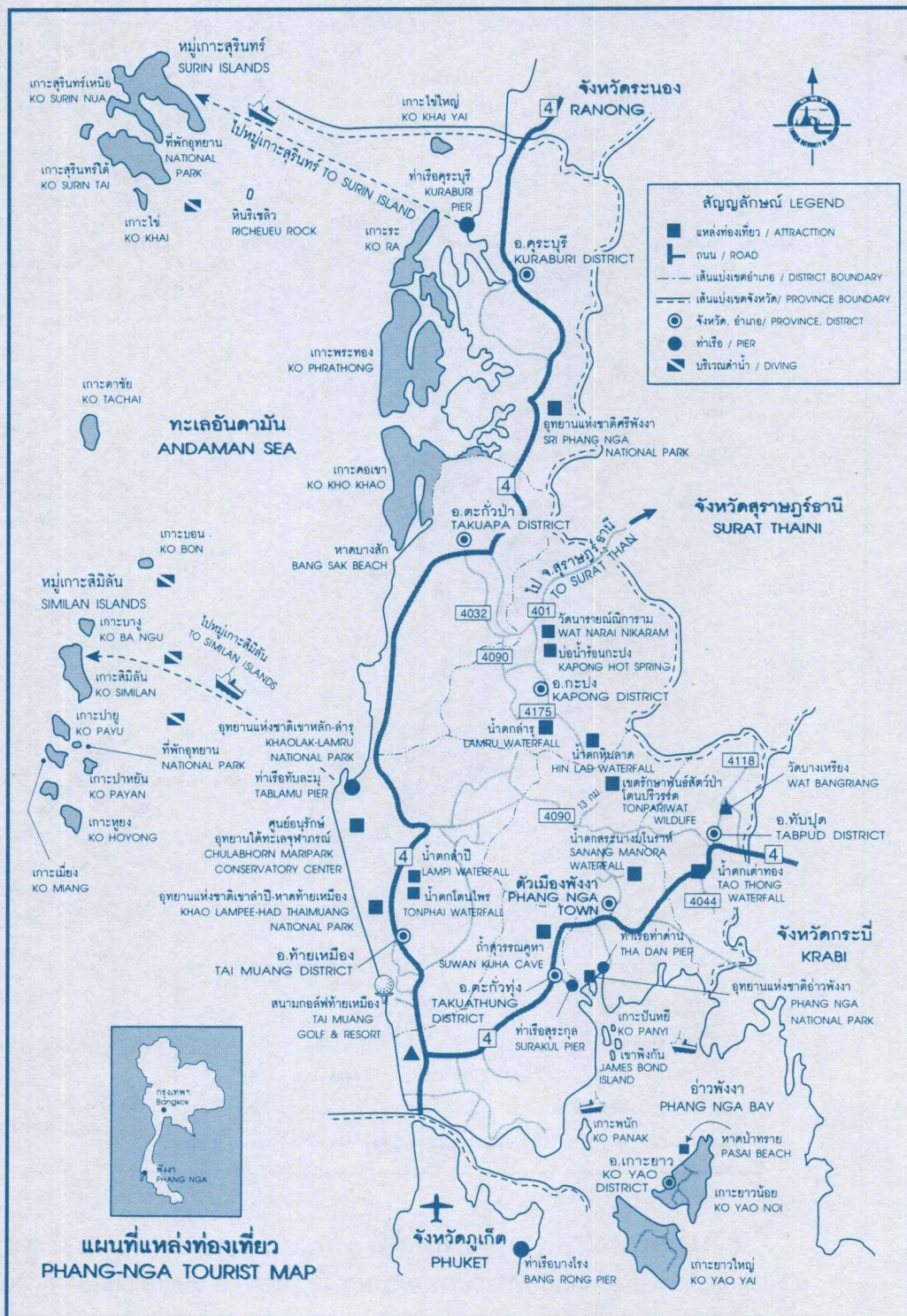
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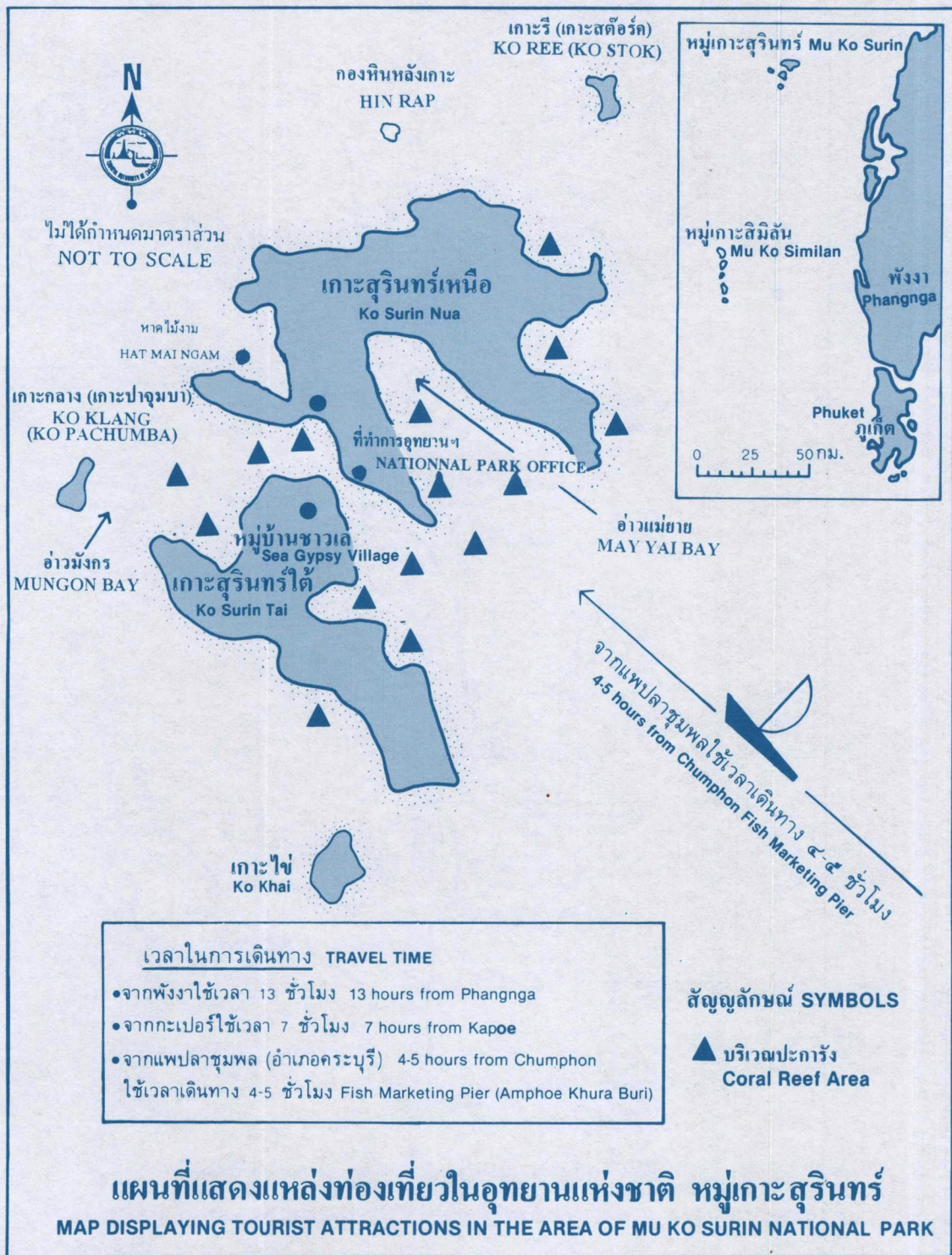
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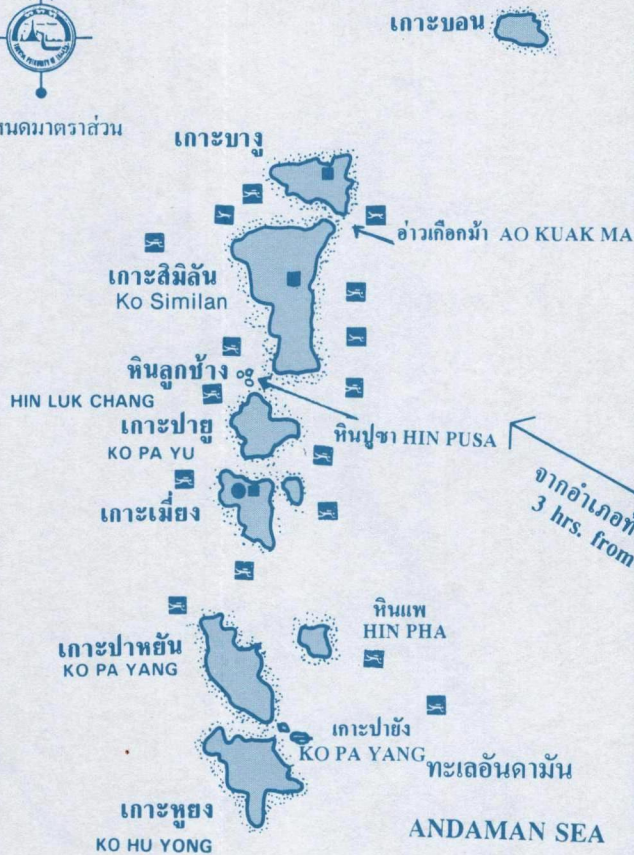
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